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Canyon Country District March 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale100 messages

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Doug Rowles
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Dear Rowles,

Along with 1.3 million supporters of the National Parks Conservation Association, I am concerned about the potential impacts of oil and gas leasing and development on Hovenweep National Monument, and ask that you defer all leases within 15 miles of the monument, but especially parcels 50 and 51, from your March 2018 lease sale.

In 2015 the BLM deferred 36 parcels from a lease sale in the same area due to sensitive cultural resources and the need to complete a cultural inventory. To date, that inventory has not been completed. The Utah BLM also agreed to engage local citizens, business owners, and tribes in thoughtful planning to determine which areas should or should not be leased as part of the San Juan Master Leasing Plan. Now the BLM is ignoring that agreement, and is again offering leases close to the boundary of the park.

These leases have no mitigation measures to protect the dark night skies, natural quiet and expansive views at Hovenweep National Monument. Diverse stakeholders deserve to have a say in which areas are leased, as they did in the nearby Moab Master Leasing Plan. Please defer all parcels within 15 miles of Hovenweep from the March 2018 lease sale.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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